



SAFETY BULLETIN

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Each year at Halloween, children are injured by automobile accidents, fires, falls, and on rare occasions poisoned by treats. All personnel should review these safety recommendations to assure that everyone has a fun and safe Halloween!

CHILDREN SHOULD:

- ☺ Cross streets only at crosswalks or corners. Look in all directions before crossing the street. Always walk, never run. Stay on sidewalks and obey traffic signals.
- ☺ Remove masks while walking between houses and before crossing streets.
- ☺ Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- ☺ Carry and use a flashlight and stay in well-lit areas. Only approach lit homes.
- ☺ Stay away from and never pet animals. Pets do not always know who is in the costume.
- ☺ Never go into a stranger's house or car.

PARENTS SHOULD:

- ☺ Know the route their children will take and keep children in familiar neighborhoods.
- ☺ Make sure younger children are accompanied by an adult.
- ☺ Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties and set time limits on when children should return home.
- ☺ Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- ☺ Ensure that children eat dinner before they go trick-or-treating.
- ☺ Consider safer options like DFMWR Camp Darby Halloween events for the family.
- ☺ Although tampering is rare, instruct children not to eat treats until they return home and parents inspect the treats. Look at the wrapper carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

COSTUMES SHOULD:

- ☺ Be made of brightly colored, flame retardant material. (wear a reflective belt or vest)
- ☺ Not include high heel shoes or long dangling articles that a child may trip over.
- ☺ Be comprised of props such as swords, knives, or other dangerous items.

MOTORISTS SHOULD:

- ☺ Drive slowly and cautiously on Halloween Eve. Be aware of trick-or-treaters wearing dark clothing walking down the road or on shoulders. Children are focused on having fun, not necessarily on their safety.
- ☺ Make sure your headlights and windshield are as clean as possible to ensure good visibility.
- ☺ Concentrate on driving and not become distracted when chauffeuring a carpool group of trick-or-treaters. It is recommended to park on the right side of the road, turn off headlights, and use emergency flashers to warn other drivers.
- ☺ If you attend a party where alcohol is served, ensure you have a ride home or a designated driver.

RESIDENTS SHOULD:

- ☺ Remove obstacles (hoses, ladders, toys, etc.) from lawns to prevent injuries.
- ☺ Prevent vandalism and injuries to children by having a well lighted home.
- ☺ Never allow animals around trick-or-treaters.
- ☺ Battery powered decorations are preferred over candles.
- ☺ Provide packaged treats or healthy alternatives such as fruit rolls or mini boxes of raisins. Give safe non-food items such as plastic toys, stickers or erasers.
- ☺ If you are hosting a party, ensure that food is available and that all guests make it home safely.
- ☺ Do **NOT** Drink and Drive!!!